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Dear Professor Maude

OCEAN ISLAND PHOSPHATES - ROYALTY ACTION

First, there are two points which I would like to mention as regards the administrative side of your correspondence:

1) I understand from the FCO that they have now received a letter from Mr Sands about the financial side of your and Mr Macdonald's visit and that I shall be able to consider this very shortly.

2) It may be that from time to time letters will come to you from my younger colleague, Nigel Seed, as he may be dealing with some of the arrangements after your arrival. He is already well known to Mr Macdonald from the latter's visit to this country last year and I believe that you and Mrs Maude will enjoy meeting him; he is a graduate of Durham University and (pending his "call") a student member of the Inner Temple - and well versed in historical and theological, as well as legal matters.

Although we have agreed that in general you will not be sent transcripts regularly, I think that you might like to have the enclosed copy of that for 14th January - with particular reference to pages 5, 6, 13, 14, 16-17 and (and as regards the question of individual ownership of phosphate) 22 and 24. As these may also be of assistance, I also enclose copies of pages 152-60 of Bundle 10 and of pages 27 and 114-15 of Bundle 11, referred to in the transcript.

It is significant that the Judge seemed to take particular interest in allusions of this nature and reinforces my opinion, expressed in an earlier letter to you, that, when giving evidence, you may find that there is considerable intellectual sympathy between you. Moreover, it is interesting too that, on another occasion, Mr Mowbray referred to your "Report" as the authority on questions of alienation and the like; "Even the ranks of Tuscany can scarce forbear to cheer" (except that, in this context, the Etruscans do not yet appreciate that the Romans are embattled - although I suppose that the actual performance by Horatius came as a disturbing surprise to Lars Porsena).

Yours sincerely

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